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1950 PRODUCTION AIMS FOR CENTRAL
AND SOUTH CHINA HEAVY INDUSTRIES

The 1950 aims for production in heavy industries of Central and South China, as brought out at the Central and South China Heavy Industries Conference by Chu I, chief of the Heavy Industries Section, will emphasize the various phases of reconstruction. Since heavy industries in this region have not been well developed, the aims in reconstruction will follow national needs, but the fulfillment of these aims will be limited by the capacity of existing heavy industries and by natural resources available in the region. Such items as manganese, tungsten, antimony, tin, lead, zinc, iron, coal, etc., will be mined, while such industries as power, shipbuilding, ammunition, machinery, cement, etc., will be reorganized for full production.

Plans have been drawn up to proceed with large-scale mining of manganese in the Lo-p'ing and Hsiang-t'an mines. Adequate equipment is to be installed in the Ch'ang-sha zinc refinery to process zinc mined in the region. Furnaces of the Chung-hua Steel works will be repaired while equipment in operations will be used to its fullest extent. Although the coal industry is not large, it will aim at producing sufficient coal to meet the demands of industries within this region.

The aim of the electrical industry is to generate enough electricity for the well being of the people within the region. Expansion in this industry will be made in accordance with the planned industrial developments within the next 2 or 3 years.

In the machinery industry, the majority of the plants are equipped to do repair work only while a very few are actually producing machinery. Studies are being made for improving methods in order to achieve better production along the same lines.

In general, the over-all aim of the Central and South China region is to develop its industries so that it may fit into the national economic reconstruction program.

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